GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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INCREASE IN REFINING CAPACITY OF CRUDE OIL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to increase the refining capacity of crude oil in coming years in the country;

(b) if so, the total capacity likely to be in the coming 5 years including the capacity of Government and private sector;

(c) whether the said production capacity is likely to remain higher than the consumption of petroleum products; and

(d) if so, the estimate of consumption and production capacity of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): The refinery sector was delicensed in June 1998. Since then a refinery can be set up anywhere in India by private or public sector enterprises depending on the promotor's assessment of its viability. It is not the Central Government but public and private sector enterprises who consider proposals for setting up refineries. These companies have made plans to put up additional refining capacity by the year 2011-12. The refining capacity by the year 2012 is estimated to be 240.96 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) with public sector share of 158.96 MMTPA and private sector share of 82 MMTPA.

(c) & (d): Yes Sir. At present refining capacity is 148.97 MMTPA. The demand of petroleum products for the terminal year (2011-12) of XIth Five Year Plan is estimated to be 131.8 million metric tonnes (MMT).